## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2014-159-E - ORDER NO. 2014-454

JUNE 3, 2014

| IN RE: | Joint Petition of Mid-Carolina Electric | 7,7 | ORDER APPROVING |
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|        | Cooperative, Incorporated and South     | )   | REASSIGNMENT OF |
|        | Carolina Electric & Gas Company for     | )   | TERRITORY       |
|        | Reassignment of Territory in Richland   | )   |                 |
|        | County and Approval of an Agreement to  | )   |                 |
|        | Limit Corridor Rights                   | )   |                 |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-27-610 through 690, this matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Joint Petition of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Mid-Carolina") and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") (collectively "Petitioners") requesting approval of an agreement that reassigns certain territory in Richland County and eliminates corridor rights in the specified area. A full description of the proposal is attached to the Joint Petition as Exhibit 1. Under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-650(A), the Commission may reassign a portion of the previously assigned service territories upon agreement of the affected parties. Petitioners assert that they have negotiated the agreement in good faith and state that customers will experience no change in electric service. Petitioners further state that the reassignment will avoid wasteful duplication of electric distribution lines and will allow safer operation, better system economy, and service reliability.

The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and has no objection.

After review of the Joint Petition, particularly Exhibit 1, we find that the proposed reassignment of territory is in the public interest. Therefore, Petitioners' agreement to reassign the territory described in Exhibit 1 of the Joint Petition is approved. This territorial reassignment supersedes any prior territorial assignment.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Nikiya Hall, Vice Chairman

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